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SUBJECT: LDC ENERGY PROGRAM

REFS: A. ANKARA 8089 B. ANKARA 8985

1. DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZES AMBASSADOR TO INFORM TURKISH
MINISTER OF ENERGY OF U.S. OFFER TO PERFORM PRELIMINARY
STUDY IDENTIFYING TURKISH ENERGY OPTIONS.

2. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO USE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS IN
INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOT.

(A) LDC ENERGY PROGRAM REPRESENTS U.S. RESPONSE TO SPECIAL
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NEEDS OF LDCS IN RESPECT TO CURRENT AND FUTURE WORLD
ENERGY SITUATION.

(1) IT WOULD ASSIST COUNTRIES IN SELECTION OF ENERGY
STRATEGIES THAT MOST EFFECTIVELY CORRESPOND TO OVERALL
DEVELOPMENT GOALS.

(2) IT WOULD PROPOSE TO INCREASE LDCS' KNOWLEDGE OF AND ACCESS TO INDIGENOUS RESOURCES THAT COULD BE APPLIED TO DEVELOPMENT.

(3) IT SHOULD REDUCE DEPENDENCY ON OIL.

(B) AT THIS POINT PROGRAM IS AT PILOT STAGE, TURKEY IS ONE OF FOUR COUNTRIES WITH WHICH DISCUSSIONS ON PARTICIPATION ARE UNDER WAY. WE FEEL THAT TURKISH INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE FOR THOSE MENTIONABLE REASONS CITED BY EMBASSY IN REFS A AND B.

(C) AS TURKEY UNDOUBTEDLY RECOGNIZES, A COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS IS A KEY STEP IN DETERMINING FUTURE ENERGY STRATEGIES. SUCH AN ANALYSIS, IN TURN, SHOULD REST ON BEST POSSIBLE DATA IN REGARD TO EXISTING AND POTENTIAL ENERGY RESOURCES. U.S. PROGRAM:

(1) PROPOSES TO WORK WITH TURKEY EXPERTS IN COMPILING COMPREHENSIVE INVENTORY OF ENERGY RESOURCES BOTH OF TRADITIONAL TYPE (E.G. COAL) AND NON-CONVENTIONAL SOURCES (E.G. SOLAR, GEOTHERMAL).

(2) PROPOSES TO WORK WITH TURKISH PLANNING SPECIALISTS IN APPLYING MOST UP-TO-DATE ANALYTIC METHODS AND PROCEDURES TO DEVELOP A NUMBER OF ENERGY STRATEGY OPTIONS.
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(3) WOULD PROVIDE SELECTIVE TRAINING TO INCREASE TURKISH CAPABILITIES IN BOTH OF ABOVE AREAS.

(D) ENERGY STRATEGY OPTIONS, BASED ON "HARD" DATA AND USING WIDELY RECOGNIZED ANALYTIC APPROACHES WOULD BENEFIT TURKISH PLANNING EFFORTS AND SUPPORT REQUESTS FOR ENERGY-RELATED ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND MULTILATERAL INSTITUTIONS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPORT OF TURKISH REACTION AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE SINCE WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH INITIAL TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WITH TURKISH EXPERTS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. VANCE

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